

Office of the City Manager

# CONSENT CALENDAR April 1, 2003

To:

Honorable Mayor and

Members of the City Council

From:

Weldon Rucker, City Manager

Subject:

Historical April 1st Agenda

# RECOMMENDATION

In recognition of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Berkeley, accept a historical agenda, which represents actions taken by prior Town and City Councils at meetings held on April 1<sup>st</sup> in years indicated on the enclosed agenda.

# FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Berkeley is celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its incorporation of April 1, 1878. In recognition of this event, the enclosed historical agenda represents some of the issues discussed and acted upon by Berkeley Town and City Councils at Town and City Council meetings held on April 1<sup>st</sup> of the years indicated on the agenda.

#### CONTACT PERSON

Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk, 981-6900

Approved:

Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk

Enclosure - Agenda of April 1 Meetings

# **AGENDA**

# BERKELEY APRIL 1 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The following matters were discussed and acted upon by Berkeley Town and City Councils at Town and Council Meetings held on April 1<sup>st</sup> of the years indicated below. This agenda has been prepared in recognition of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Berkeley on April 1, 1878.

#### Consent Calendar

# 1. Surplus in Main Sewer Fund

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 578 transferring the surplus balance in the Main Sewer Fund (now called the Folsom Street Sewer Fund) to the General Fund. (April 1, 1889)

## 2. Appointment of Pound Master

**Action:** Accepted the resignation of Wilson McVar and appointed L. Schnelle as Pounds Master effective at the time of his filing a proper bond. (April 1, 1889)

#### 3. Permission to Carry Revolver

**Action:** Granted J. W. Millstead permission to carry a revolver. (April 1, 1895)

## 4. Appointment of Police Officer

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 2162-A appointing John T. Jones as Police Officer to fill the vacancy by the resignation of Police Officer R. J. Smith, as recommended by the Police Committee.

(April 1, 1907)

## 5. Slide at Cedar Street and Euclid Avenue

**Action:** Authorized expenditure of \$250 for the purpose of examining the sliding ground at Cedar Street and Euclid Avenue based on a report by the Town Engineer. (April 1, 1907)

## 6. Fire Engine and Hose Wagon

**Action:** Directed the Clerk to advertise for bids for a combination automobile chemical fire engine and hose wagon.

(April 1, 1910)

# 7. Cement Sidewalks on Berkeley Way

**Action:** Directed the Superintendent of Streets to post 30 day notices for cement sidewalks on both sides of Berkeley Way from McGee Avenue to California Street, where not already laid.

(April 1, 1910)

#### 8. Leave of Absence – Justice of the Peace

**Action:** Approved leave of absence for Justice of the Peace Robert Edgar for two weeks. (April 1, 1910)

# 9. Appointment of Special Police Officer

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2390-N.S. appointing Charles F. Mellor as Special Police Officer to serve without compensation during the pleasure of the Council. (April 1, 1913)

# 10. Feed for the Fire Department

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 2391-ZN.S. authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Public Supplies to purchase feed for the Fire Department at a cost not to exceed \$190. (April 1, 1913)

## 11. Feed for the Street Department

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 2392-N.S. authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Public Supplies to purchase feed for the Street Department at a cost not to exceed \$290. (April 1, 1913)

# 12. Garbage Incinerator

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 2394-N.S. approving the bond of the Refuse Disposal Company as surety conditioned upon faithful performance of the contract for the erection of a garbage incinerator in the City of Berkeley in the sum of \$61,250. (April 1, 1913)

## 13. Street Department Expenditures

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 8207-N.S. approving estimate of expenditures of the Street Department for the month of April in the sum of \$13,348. (April 1, 1919)

# 14. Street Lights along San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 8201-N.S. authorizing the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways to substitute modern 600 c.p. street lights along its lines in place of the arc lamps on condition that an all-night service be maintained. (April 1, 1919)

# 15. Gasoline for Police Department

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 8211-N.S. authorizing the purchase of gasoline for the Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$238. (April 1, 1919)

# 16. Water for California Fibre Company

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 10,123-N.S. directing the City Clerk to notify the State Railroad Commission that East Bay Water Company is prepared to furnish the necessary water to the California Fibre Company, a fibre manufacturing plant to be established on San Pablo Avenue.

(April 1, 1921)

#### 17. Junk License Fees

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 10,124-N.S. denying the request of various junk men for the reduction in the junk license fee from \$150 to \$20 a year. (April 1, 1921)

# 18. Appointment of Assistant Treasurer

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 10,127-N.S. approving appointment of F. G. Gleed as Assistant Treasurer as services may be necessary at a compensation of \$5 per day. (April 1, 1921)

# 19. Painting of the Welfare Bureau

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 10,135-N.S. authorizing the interior painting of the Welfare Bureau at a cost not to exceed \$225. (April 1, 1921)

## 20. Calling a Special Election

**Action:** Adopted Ordinance No. 704-N.S. calling a special election for Saturday, April 1, 1921 and submitting a proposition of incurring a bonded debt in the sum of \$250,000 for the acquisition, construction and completion of a building or buildings to be used as an art gallery, a museum and a place of recreation in consolidation with the election of municipal officers.

(April 1, 1921)

#### 21. Prohibiting Begging

**Action:** Adopted Ordinance No. 705-N.S. prohibiting begging in public streets or places, and regulating the soliciting of alms and contributions for charitable institutions and repealing Ordinance No. 119-N.S. and 560-N.S. (April 1, 1921)

#### 22. Commission of Public Charities

**Action:** Adopted Ordinance No. 706-N.S. establishing a Commission of Public Charities, providing for the appointment of commissioners and defining their powers and duties and repealing Ordinance No. 48-N.S.

(April 1, 1921)

# 23. Initiative Petition – Dumping of Garbage

**Action:** Received certification of an initiative petition from the City Clerk and submitted a proposition regulating the dumping of garbage in the City in quantities in excess of 500 pounds to a special election called for Tuesday, May 4, 1924. (April 1, 1924)

# 24. Resignation of Councilmember Caldecott

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 17,646-N.S. accepting the resignation of T. E. Caldecott as councilman due to his appointment as Mayor. *(April 1, 1930)* 

## 25. Free Peddlers Licenses

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 17,647-N.S. and No. 17,648-N.S. granting Marshall C. Reves, Harry Herketh and Henry Cherry, all honorably discharged veterans, free peddlers licenses.

(April 1, 1930)

#### 26. Culvert in Codornices Creek

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 17,654-N.S. adopting plans and specifications for the construction of a culvert in Codornices Creek west of Second Street and directing the City Clerk to advertise for bids with an estimated cost of 150 feet at \$15 per foot, for a total of \$2,150.00. Once the culvert is installed it will be possible to fill in the creek and to connect that portion of the garbage fill now being made northeast of the creek with the area now developed for a landing field. (April 1, 1930)

# 27. Setback Lines – Acropolis of Berkeley View Terrace

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 17,655-N.S. declaring the Council's intention not to establish setback lines on the streets within the area known as Acropolis of Berkeley View Terrace.

(April 1, 1930)

## 28. Coin Operated Binoculars

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 17,657-N.S. for further investigation a request by L. B. Williams to install coin operated binoculars at several vantage points in the City. (April 1, 1930)

#### 29. Parking on Solano Avenue

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 17,663-N.S. requesting the Mayor appoint a committee to investigate the request by the Solano Avenue Association to restore diagonal parking on Solano Avenue, from The Alameda westerly and referred the matter of accidents associated with diagonal parking for a report from the Police Department. (April 1, 1930)

# 30. Purchase of Property designated as Civic Center

**Action:** Adopted an Ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement for the purchase of lots 16, 17, and 18 in the certain block commonly known and designated as the Civic Center.

(April 1, 1930)

### 31. Regulating Vehicles on the Berkeley Pier

Action: Adopted an Ordinance: 1) regulating vehicles on the Berkeley Pier, formerly known as the Golden Gate Pier; 2) installing a pedestrian lane on the northerly side of the pier which is to be used for emergency purposes only, as pedestrians are prohibited from using the pier; 3) prohibiting fishing from any part of the pier or the public wharf; and 4) five day notices for reckless drivers and speeders. (April 1, 1930)

# 32. Cruiser Mooring at Yacht Harbor

**Action:** Accepted bid of the Berkeley Cruiser Mooring Association and adopted an Ordinance authorizing execution of a lease for space at the Yacht Harbor for a floating cruiser mooring at a rate of \$75 per month. (April 1, 1952)

# 33. Conveying Real Property Lot 321, Berkeley View Terrace to the City

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 33,569-N.S. accepting Deed from Violet Frances Taylor conveying to the City real property Lot 321, Berkeley View Terrace to be used for playground purposes. *(April 1, 1952)* 

## 34. Widening and Reconstruction of Cedar Street

Action: Adopted Resolution 33,567-N.S. accepting the bid of John H. McCosker, Inc. in the amount of \$8,445.50 for the widening and reconstruction of Cedar Street, from Sacramento Street to 463 feet west of Sacramento Street and authorizing construction. (April 1, 1952)

# 35. Amendment to Billboard Ordinance

**Action:** Adopted an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2393-N.S. to prohibit billboards on the Eastshore Freeway from the area north of Virginia Street to the City line as a requirement for the Division of Highways to allocate funding for landscaping the Eastshore Freeway through the City.

(April 1 1958)

# 36. License Agreement with The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 36,764-N.S. authorizing the City to enter into a license agreement with The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company granting permission to use its property adjoining the west edge of its property west of the Eastshore Highway and east of the City owned tide lands between Virginia and Gilman Streets in order to construct a levee.

(April 1, 1958)

# 37. University of California Marching Band

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 36,765-N.S. supporting the University of California Marching Band's invitation by the State Department to represent the United States in the World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium and urging everyone to make voluntary contributions. (*April 1, 1958*)

#### 38. Senior Outreach

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 43,015-N.S. authorizing execution of an agreement with Economic Opportunity Organization for services in connection with a program to be known as "Senior Out-Reach Program". (April 1, 1969)

# 39. Recognition of Local Organizations of Municipal Employees as Collective Bargaining Units

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 43,019-N.S. opposing Senate Bill 307 which provides that the State Department of Industrial Relations would be the organization which determines recognition of local organizations of municipal employee groups as collective bargaining units.

(April 1, 1969)

# **Reports and Referrals**

## 40. Proposed Municipal Wharf

**Action:** Referred to the Town Attorney a report from the Town Engineer regarding the proposed municipal wharf and questions regarding the legality of the sales of State Tide Lands and the rights of the municipality on the waterfront. (April 1, 1907)

# 41. Killing of Chickens and other Fowl

**Action:** Referred a petition from W. A. Hunter, E. Frostram and others objecting to the killing of chickens and other fowl on residential property for trade purposes to the Committee of the Whole.

(April 1, 1910)

#### 42. March Financial Reports

Action: Referred to the Commissioner of Finance and Revenue financial reports for March, 1910 of totals turned in as follows: Justice of the Peace \$105.25; City Engineer \$126.00; Chief of Police \$1075.50; Building Inspector \$701.80; Pound Master \$54.00; Health Department \$3.00; Wharfinger \$108.65; Clerk \$2.25; Superintendent of Streets (balance on hand) \$5,417.56; Treasurer \$14,283.16. (April 1, 1910)

# Reports and Referrals

# 43. Cigar Store License Fees

**Action:** Referred to a Committee of the Whole a petition from a large number of cigar dealers requesting that Ordinance No. 120-N.S. fixing a license fee of \$15 per year for cigar stores be repealed.

(April 1, 1913)

#### 44. Comfort Stations at Live Oak Park

**Action:** Received and filed a report from the Playground Commission disapproving the proposed location of comfort stations under the bridge at Live Oak Park. *(April 1, 1919)* 

# 45. Ambulance for Police Department

**Action:** Referred to the Commissioner of Public Health and Safety a bid from H. O. Harrison Co. in the amount of \$1,400 for furnishing a Dodge ambulance and allowing \$200 on the Pope-Hartford ambulance. (April 1, 1919)

# 46. Municipal Incinerator

**Action:** Referred to the Committee of the Whole an offer from Walter S. Brann to lease for a period of 10 years the municipal incinerator with the exclusive right to collect and dispose of garbage in the City. (April 1, 1921)

# 47. Sidewalks on Berkeley Way and Acton Street

**Action:** Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works a request from Chris B. Fox and other residents in the vicinity that cement sidewalks be constructed on the south side of Berkeley Way, from Sacramento Street to West Street and on both sides of Acton Street from University Avenue to Hearst Avenue. (April 1, 1921)

## 48. Permits for Factories or Mills along Santa Fe Tracks

**Action:** Directed the City Clerk to inform residents protesting against the granting of any permits for the construction of factories or mills along Santa Fe Tracks to submit a petition for the reclassification to a residential district. (April 1, 1921)

# 49. Amendments to Traffic Ordinance

Action: Deferred action to the meeting of April 8, 1924 on various amendments to the traffic ordinance including: 1) delegating authority to the Police Department to issue special permits to taxi-cab and truck drivers to park their machines on streets in business districts; 2) prohibiting cars to be parked on streets between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.; and 3) prohibiting persons from riding on running boards of machines where no seats are provided. (April 1, 1924)

## **Reports and Referrals**

# 50. Permit to Erect Tents for Gospel Camp

**Action:** Referred to the City Manager for investigation as to the attitude of adjoining residents the request from Glad Tidings Revival Assembly requesting permission to erect and maintain tents for conducting a gospel camp meeting for 6 to 8 weeks on property at San Pablo Avenue and Murray Street. (April 1, 1924)

## 51. Noise at Iceland

**Action:** Accepted report regarding complaint of noise from the compressor at Iceland and determined that the noise does not come under the City's anti-noise ordinance. (April 1, 1952)

## 52. Setting Up Table at Sather Gate to Sell "Anvil and Student Partisan"

Action: Received a request from the Anvil Club, University of California, to set up a table at Sather Gate for purposes of selling copies of "Anvil and Student Partisan" a national student magazine, that is a liberal, pacifist, anti-war magazine published in New York City and sponsored by student groups. Directed the City Manager to inform the Anvil Club, that under the City's ordinance, the Club may distribute free copies or gather signatures on a petition, but can not set up a table to "sell" material. (April 1, 1952)

# 53. Procedure for Establishment of Freeway Routes

Action: Received a report from the State Highway Division in response to the City's inquiry for a timetable for Route 206, Ashby Avenue – Tunnel Road. The State indicated that they had no timetable for Route 206 and will not do any further work toward establishing a route through Berkeley unless the Council requests them to do so and that they have enough work to keep them busy for 15 years and that the portion of Ashby Avenue between Mabel Street and the Eastshore Freeway is a freeway in accordance with an agreement between the State and City entered into in 1950. (April 1, 1958)

# Study Session regarding Berkeley Waterfront

## 54. Berkeley Waterfront – Alternative Uses

Discussed possible alternative uses that might be made of the existing land filled area, privately owned, on the waterfront in view of Peralta Junior College district's decision not to proceed with the acquisition of property north of University Avenue for a junior college site. Several alternatives were proposed including: 1) recreational development; 2) a high quality industrial research area; 3) a residential development; 4) Marina homes at the waterfront.

Action: Created a special committee to consider appropriate types of zoning provisions for the property owned by Santa Fe and George Murphy; that the committee consist of members of the Zoning Committee of the Planning Commission; two members of the Council; the Chair of the Waterfront Advisory Committee and with the provision that representatives of the privately owned property be notified of each meeting and be given an opportunity to participate in the discussion and that the committee would report back to Council. (April 1, 1969)

#### **Communications**

- 1. Letter from the Manufacturers Association of Berkeley regarding proposed wharf in favor of a teaming wharf and in opposition to leasing the wharf to private parties. (April 1, 1907)
- 2. Letter from Henry Pine protesting payment of money to purchase fire houses on Regent Street and on Ninth Street.

  (April 1, 1907)
- 3. Letter from Annie Valentine protesting against the laying of cement sidewalks on Cedar Street.

  (April 1, 1913)

4. Letter from East Bay Water District regarding conversion of Suisan Bay into a fresh water lake.

(April 1, 1924)

- 5. Letter from Berkeley Rod and Gun Club suggesting that the rehabilitation of the fishing pier be deferred until after the summer season.

  (April 1, 1958)
- 6. Letter from Ilona Hancock requesting boycott of Shell Oil and Chevron Chemical Company products.

  (April 1, 1969)

# Adjournment